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SUBJECT: INFORMAL US/JAPAN FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS

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1. DEPARTMENT FULLY CONCURS IN EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION ON DESIRABILITY OF CONVENING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ASAP WITH GOJ REGARDING FULL RANGE OF FISHERIES ISSUES AND SHAPE OF NEW REGIME USG FORESEES UNDER EXTENDED JURISDICTION. AT INFORMAL LUNCHEON HOSTED RECENTLY BY MINISTER FUKADA AND ATTENDED BY YONEZAWA OF FISHERIES AGENCY, DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES AFFAIRS NAKATSU, OES/OFA, PROPOSED DATES OF MAY 26-27 FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO BE CONVENED IN WASHINGTON.

2. POST IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM DATES BUT SHOULD NOTE THAT THERE POSSIBLY MAY BE SLIPPAGE DEPENDING ON WHEN
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WE MEET WITH MEXICANS WITH WHOM NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF MAY 17 BUT WHICH MAY BE DELAYED TO FOLLOWING WEEK AND WOULD THEN CONFLICT WITH JAPANESE INFORMAL TALKS. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, WE WILL SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE DATES BUT UNABLE TO DO SO AT THIS TIME DUE TO SCHEDULING UNCERTAINTIES.

3. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SET ASIDE FOR FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN 2-WEEK PERIOD AUGUST 18-31 IN WASHINGTON. THIS ASSUMES, OF COURSE, THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE AT INFORMAL TALKS AND THAT INTERVAL BETWEEN ENDING OF INFORMAL TALKS AND BEGINNING OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR JAPAN FOR DOMESTIC CONSULTATIONS AND FOR PREPARATION OF NEGOTIATIONS. POST IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH GOJ ON PROPOSED DATES. KISSINGER

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